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SUBJ: TASS COUNTERS CHINESE PROPAGANDA ON INDIAN OCEAN

1. PRAVDA MAY 9 PUBLISHES COMMENTARY BY TASS OBSERVER KULIK ON ALLEGED PRC AMBITIONS IN INDIAN OCEAN AND WESTERN PACIFIC. COMMENTARY DISPLAYS SENSITIVITY TO CHINESE PROPAGANDM CONCERNING SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITIES IN INDIAN OCEAN. IT DEFENDS THESE ON GROUNDS THAT USSR IS GREAT MARITIME POWER WHICH USES INDIAN OCEAN AS YEAR-ROUND SEA LINK BETWEEN EASTERN AND WESTERN PORTS. KULIK FURTHER ARUGES THAT LITTORAL STATES HAVE NO OBJECTION TO FREE NAVIGATION OF SOVIET VESSELS ON HIGH SEAS, BUT

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THEY DO OBJECT TO FOREIGN MILITARY BASES AND INTRODUCTION

OF FOREIGN NAVAL UNITS INTO INDIAN OCEAN ON PERMANENT BASIS.

2. KULIK LEVELS COUNTER-CHARGES AT PEKING BASED ON SPECULATION IN INDIAN AND WESTERN PRESS THAT PRC WANTS TO BUILD UP ITS NAVY AND ASSERT A PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN. HE CLAIMS THAT U.S. MILITARY CIRCLES FULLY UNDERSTAND CHINESE AIMS, CITING INDIAN "PATRIOT" COMMENT THAT U.S. SEVENTH FLEET WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PRESENCE OF CHINESE NAVY OFF THE WEST COAST OF INDIA. HE ALSO ASSERTS THAT JUDJMENT WAS MADE BY MANY FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS THAT U.S. SEVENTH FLEET WAS RELAXED ABOUT CHINESE ACTION AGAINST PARACELS.  
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